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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
FROM : SAC, New York (100-115527)  
SUBJECT: EDWARD LEPOWSKY  
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DATE: JUL 12 1954

Enclosed herewith are five copies of report of SA EDWARD T. WALSH, JR., at NY, dated JUL 12 1954.

1. Subject is presently residing at 143-11 Barclay Ave., Flushing, NY. He is employed as a salesman for the Aloris Tool Co., 131-37 Sanford Ave., Flushing, NY. He is of the white race.

2. He is married to FRANCES LEPOWSKY, who is presently employed as a NYC school teacher and she is of the white race.

3. Subject has been identified by an informant of known reliability as a member of the CP while he was employed as a teacher at Flushing High School in 1949. He was further identified as a member of the CP while he was a teacher at the Bronx High School of Science. Rather than answer questions concerning this membership, subject resigned from the NYC Board of Education on 11/2/53. Subject petitioned Governor DEWEY in behalf of MORRIS U. SCHAPPES. He has been a member of IWO Lodge #500 as of December 1946 and was also a member of the NYC Teachers Union, Local 555 as of 1949. On 10/6/50 he contributed \$2.00 to the JAFRC and subject and his wife have been identified as travelling to Russia in the early 1930's.

4. Subject's wife, FRANCES LEPOWSKY, has been identified by an informant of unknown reliability as a member of the CP while she was employed as a teacher at Flushing High School in 1949. FRANCES LEPOWSKY also petitioned Governor DEWEY in behalf of MORRIS U. SCHAPPES in December 1943. She has been identified as a member of IWO Lodge #500 in 1945, 1947, and has been a member of the Teachers Union, 1949 and 1950.

5. There is no other information concerning membership and activities by close friends.

6. There is no indication regarding any defection, expulsion or present sympathies on the part of the subject.

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7. In the event authority to interview the subject is granted, it is felt that he possibly might be able to supply valuable information concerning CP infiltration into the NYC school system.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to the interview of security subjects. If the subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting Bureau authority to recontact the subject as a potential security informant.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE JUL 12 1954	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/17,19;4/8; 5/24;6/22-25/54	REPORT MADE BY <b>EDWARD T. WALSH, JR. tnf</b>
TITLE <b>EDWARD LEPOWSKY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject born 8/3/04, Brooklyn, NY; married FRANCES LEPOWSKY 12/22/29 in Brooklyn; employed NYC Board of Education December 1928 to 11/2/53, when he resigned rather than answer questions concerning his alleged CP activities. Identified by a source which T-2 believes reliable as a member of the CP while employed as a teacher at the Bronx High School of Science. Petitioned Governor DEWEY on behalf of MORRIS SCHAPPEES in 1944; member IWO Lodge 500, 1946; active member NYC Teachers Union, 1949; contributed \$2.00 to JAFRC in 1950; believed to have travelled to Russia in 1930's with wife. Subject registered ALP 1941 through 1949.

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## DETAILS:

All informants utilized in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

This investigation is predicated upon information received from T-2 who advised on September 17, 1953 that the subject was believed to be a Communist Party member.

### I. BACKGROUND

#### A. Birth


T-1, another government agency which maintains personnel type records, advised that their records reflect that the subject was born on August 3, 1904 in Brooklyn, New York.

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**B. Education**

T-1 further advised that subject received a B. S. and M. S. degrees in education from City College of New York. T-1 did not know the dates of subject's attendance.

**C. Marital Status**

T-2 related on February 19, 1954 that EDWARD LEPOWSKY married FRANCES RICE on December 22, 1929 in Brooklyn, New York.

**D. Military Service**

T-1 stated that there was no indication in his file that subject ever served in the Armed Forces.

**E. Employment**

T-3, of unknown reliability but who is in a position to know the subject's employment, stated that the subject was presently employed by the Aloris Tool Company, 131-37 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, Long Island, New York, as a salesman.

T-2 stated that the subject was formerly employed as a school teacher in the New York City school system. He was first employed in December 1928 and continued in such employment until November 2, 1953, at which time he resigned rather than answer any questions put to him by the New York City Board of Education concerning his membership or activities in behalf of the Communist Party.

**F. Residences**

T-2 related that the subject resided at the following addresses:

1930	1081 Park Place, Brooklyn
1931	229 East 28th Street, Brooklyn
1941-1947	250 West 24th Street, New York City
1947-1953	143-11 Barclay Avenue, Flushing

T-3, previously mentioned, related that as of June 23, 1954 subject continued to reside at the Barclay Avenue address.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST  
PARTY MOVEMENT

A. Communist Party Membership

T-2 advised on February 19, 1954 that he had been advised by a source which he believed to be reliable that the subject was a member of the Communist Party while teaching at the Bronx High School of Science. Informant was unable to furnish any other information.

T-4, of unknown reliability but who is in a position to know the subject's activity, advised on July 29, 1949 that he believed the subject to be a Communist Party member while he was employed as a teacher at Flushing High School in that he continually advocated the Communist Party line as stated in the "Daily Worker".

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

B. Communist Party Fronts

1. Morris U. Schappes Defense Committee

T-5 related on January 24, 1944 that EDWARD LEPOWSKY of 250 West 24th Street, had petitioned Governor DEWEY to pardon MORRIS U. SCHAPPES.

Concerning MORRIS U. SCHAPPES, it is noted that the records of the Clerk of the General Sessions Court, County of New York, disclose that MORRIS U. SCHAPPES, an instructor in English at the College of the City of New York, was dismissed on March 15, 1941, following an investigation of Communism in the Educational System of the State of New York by the Rapp-Coudert Joint Legislative Committee. At these hearings, SCHAPPES admitted that he had been a member of the Communist Party and active as such on the college campus from 1935 to 1940. He testified specifically that during the period of his activity there were but four members of the City College Unit of the Communist Party, whereas other witnesses offered testimony showing there were fifty members.

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2. International Workers Order

T-6 advised on December 23, 1947 that subject was a member of International Workers Order Lodge #500 as of December 1946.

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

3. United Public Workers of America -  
Teachers Union, Local 555

T-4 related on July 29, 1949 that the subject was a member and active in the New York City Teachers Union, Local 555.

JOHN LAUTNER, former national functionary of the Communist Party, USA, advised on January 6, 1954 that he knows the Teachers Union of New York City to have been under the control of the Communist Party since the middle 1930's. He knows the top two leaders of the Teachers Union, ABE LEDEMAN, President, and ROSE V. RUSSELL, Legislative Director, as having been devoted Communist Party members as of the time he left the Communist Party in January 1950.

"Teachers News" of May 22, 1954 reflects that LEDEMAN and RUSSELL continue in the above described positions with the Teachers Union.

The Rapp-Coudert Committee, a New York legislative committee which investigated subversive influences in New York State public schools in 1940-1942, reported in February 1942 that the Teachers Union of New York City was at that time commonly accepted and adequately proved to be controlled by Communists. The Committee also reported that the teachers who at that time still belonged to the Teachers Union could no longer be deemed ignorant of the true nature of the Teachers Union and they must be either Communists, willing tools of Communists or wilfully blind to the record.

4. Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee

T-7 related on October 6, 1950 that EDWARD LEPOWSKY of 250 West 24th Street, New York City, contributed \$2.00 to the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.



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The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

#### 5. American Labor Party

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, New York, as reviewed by SE EDWARD C. UTZ on June 29, 1954, reflect that EDWARD LEPOWSKY registered in favor of the American Labor Party from 1941 through 1949.

Concerning the American Labor Party, the following information is contained in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., dated May 14, 1951:

"1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)

"2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 40 and 41.)"

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

#### Travel to Russia

T-4 said that the subject, EDWARD LEPOWSKY, and his wife, FRANCES LEPOWSKY, travelled to Russia during the 1930's. T-4 was unable to supply any further information.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, as reviewed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on February 19, 1954, did not reflect any additional information concerning the subject other than reported above.



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The following confidential informants of known reliability who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area were contacted but were unable to furnish any information concerning this individual: T-8, T-9, T-10 and T-11.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Number Where Located
T-1 Selective Service records, 1940 Act	7/27/42	5/28/51	SE DONALD C. STRELETZKY	Instant report
T-2 [redacted]	FOIA(b) (7) - (D) NYC Board of Education records and subversive info	2/19/54, 9/17/53	SA EDWARD T. WALSH, JR.	Instant report
T-3 Pretext telephone call to subject's residence	Residence and employment verification	6/23/54	SA EDWARD T. WALSH, JR.	Instant report
T-4 RICHARD BERGERE, complainant, 143-28 41st Ave., Flushing (by request)	States subject member CP, and member of TU, Local 555	7/29/49	SA FRANCIS K. HANLON	100-80945-850
T-5 A high ranking official of the State of NY who made the information available to Albany office and was forwarded to NYO by letter dated 1/24/44.	Letter to Gov. DEWEY re pardon for MORRIS U. SCHAPPES in December 1943	1/24/44	SAC, NY	100-29086-22,23

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T-6 [REDACTED]	IWO Dues collection list for December 1946	12/23/47	SA EVERETT K. DEANE	100-2936-1A612
T-7 Lt. T. F. CRANE, NYCPD	Contribution envelopes of the JAFRC collected by NYCPD	10/6/50	SA DAMON W. PITCHER	100-3642-3266 p 8
T-8 [REDACTED]	Negative	3/19/54	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	Instant report
T-9 [REDACTED]	Negative	3/19/54	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	Instant report
T-10 [REDACTED]	Negative	3/19/54	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	Instant report
T-11 [REDACTED]	Negative	3/19/54	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	Instant report

LEADNEW YORKAt New York, New York

Will await Bureau's decision concerning interview of EDWARD LEPOWSKY.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-412134)

DATE: 10/15/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-115527)

SUBJECT: EDWARD LEPOWSKY  
SM-C

ReNYlet to Bureau, 7/12/54.

The referenced letter requested authority to interview the captioned individual according to existing rules and regulations governing the interviews of security subjects. This request was approved by the Bureau on 7/23/54 as was a request to interview the captioned subject's wife, FRANCES LEPOWSKY, subject of NY file 100-115495.

The subject's wife, FRANCES LEPOWSKY, has been interviewed and is the subject of a separate communication being directed to the Bureau.

This is to advise that fisurs of the subject's residence and place of employment have failed to afford the opportunity to interview the captioned individual to date. The Bureau is advised that continuing efforts are being made, and a report will be submitted setting out the results of the interview as soon as it has been completed.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-411574)

DATE: 11/30/54

FROM : SAC NEW YORK (100-115577)

SUBJECT: EDWARD LEPOWERY  
SI-C

Re: NY Let to Director dated 10/15/54

Efforts to interview the captioned individual have proved fruitless to date.

Through a suitable pretext at the Aloris Tool Co. 121-37 Sanford Ave. Flushing, L.I.N.Y., it has been determined that the subject has been away on a business trip for the Aloris Tool Co., to Cleveland, Ohio, and is not expected to return for approximately another ten days.

This matter is being given expeditious handling, and the subject will be interviewed at the earliest opportunity, and the Bureau notified the results thereof.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-412134)

DATE: 1/10/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-115527)

SUBJECT: EDWARD LEPOWSKY  
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X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME EDWARD LEPOWSKY

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NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED ALIEN

COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

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DATE OF BIRTH 8/3/04 PLACE OF BIRTH Brooklyn, NY

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)  
Aloris Tool Co., 131-37 Sanford Ave., Flushing, NY

## KEY FACILITY DATA:

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS 143-11 Barclay Avenue, Flushing, NY

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TO : Director, FBI (100-412134)

DATE: 1/10/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-115527)

SUBJECT: EDWARD LEPOWSKY  
SM - C

Rerep of SA EDWARD THOMAS WALSH, JR., dated 1/10/55,  
at New York, New York, of which four copies and the original  
are enclosed herewith.

Re New York let to Bureau, 11/30/50.

It is recommended that the captioned individual be  
included on the Security Index of the New York Office.

On 1/5/55 an attempt was made to interview EDWARD  
LEPOWSKY concerning his affiliations with the Communist Party.  
He refused to be interviewed stating, "I have nothing to say  
to the FBI".

Due to the subject's long association with the CP and other  
front groups, and further due to his travel to Russia during the  
1930's, New York is submitting an FD-122 and it is recommended  
that he be included on the Security Index of this office.

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TITLE EDWARD LEPOWSKY		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Attempt made to interview subject on 1/5/55. After learning identity of agents, subject stated, "I have nothing to say to the FBI." He thereupon slammed his apartment door terminating the attempted interview. Subject sent greetings and contribution to ABNER GREEN on his 40th birthday.

*Interview form  
1/18/55 JP*

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**DETAILS:**

Captioned subject was interviewed on January 5, 1955 by SAS JAMES J. JOHNSTON and the writer. Immediately after the interviewing agents had identified themselves, LEPOWSKY stated, "I have nothing to say to the FBI." It was pointed out by the agents that it was very important that he talk to them, to which he again replied, "I have nothing to say" and slammed the apartment door.

T-1, of known reliability, advised on August 2, 1954 that EDWARD LEPOWSKY of 143-11 Barclay Avenue, Flushing, New York, sent a greeting and contribution of one dollar to ABNER GREEN, which read "Greetings to ABNER GREEN on his 40th birthday, on his 20th anniversary of service in protecting the rights of the foreign born."

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T-2, of known reliability, advised that ABNER GREEN, Executive Secretary of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, was a Communist Party member until at least January 13, 1950.

The following is a description of the captioned individual as obtained by SAS JOHNSTON and the writer:

Name	EDWARD LEPOWSKY
Born	August 3, 1904, Brooklyn, New York
Height	5' 10"
Weight	185 to 195 lbs.
Hair	Gray-white, wavy and combed straight back
Complexion	Sallow
Build	Heavy
Peculiarities	Heavy stooped shoulders

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T-1 [redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)	Greetings to ABNER GREEN	8/2/54	SA MALCOLM J. BARRETT and SE KIERAN F. BUCKLEY	100-115527-8
T-2 [redacted]	Documentation of ABNER GREEN			

REFERENCE

New York letter to Bureau, 11/30/54.

SAC, New York (100-115527)

January 25, 1955

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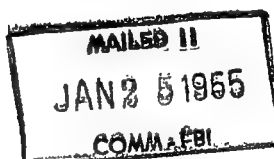
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 EDWARD LEPOVSKY  
 SECURITY MATTER - C

Re report of Special Agent Edward Thomas Walsh, Jr., dated January 10, 1955, and your letter and Form FD-122 of same date.

The subject has been included on the Security Index and cards will be furnished you by separate communication. However, it is desired that you conduct further investigation to obtain corroborative evidence of the information which you now have concerning the subject's activities. It is desired that you interview fellow employees and associates and it is also desired that you ascertain what products the subject sells and the business institutions and manufacturing plants that the subject may visit in the course of these sales. The results of your further investigation should be submitted in report form.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-412134)  
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-115527)  
 SUBJECT: EDWARD LEPOWSKY  
 SM - C

DATE: 3/2/55

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Rebulet 1/25/55.

The referenced Bulet desired that the fellow employees and associates of the captioned individual be interviewed in order to obtain corroborative evidence, the information which the NYO has concerning this individual's activities.

As was previously reported, the subject is employed by the Aloris Tool Co., 131-37 Sanford Ave., Queens, NY. This company manufactures tool posts which are used for attachments to lathes. This company manufactures and sells to approximately 30 accounts consisting of wholesalers in the New York metropolitan area.

Presently, there are three individuals in addition to the subject employed by the Aloris Tool Co.

In order to avoid any situations that might arise and prove embarrassing to the Bureau, the NYO will not, at this time, interview the fellow employees of the captioned individual. Investigation is presently being made to determine the officers of the corporation and, as soon as they are determined, if there is no other information which would deem it inadvisable, they will be interviewed concerning the subject.

The Bureau will be kept closely advised as to the developments in this case.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-412134)

DATE: JUL 6 1955 *CF*

FROM : SAC, New York (100-115527)

SUBJECT: EDWARD LEPOWSKY  
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ReBulet 1/25/55 and NY letter to Director, 3/2/55.

Enclosed herewith are <sup>four</sup> ~~five~~ copies of the report of  
SA EDWARD THOMAS WALSH JR., dated JUL 6 1955 at New York.

Referenced Bulet stated that the Bureau desired that NY interview the fellow employees and associates of the captioned individual. The reNYlet advised that there are only three individuals employed with the subject at the Aloris Tool Company and in order to avoid any situation that might arise and prove embarassing to the Bureau, no attempt will be made to interview the fellow employees of the subject.

Investigation has revealed that the Aloris Tool Company is presently owned and operated by FRANK SIROLA, President, ANTHONY SIROLA, Vice-president and IRVING SHAPIRO, Secretary-Treasurer. The only active member of this firm is FRANK SIROLA.

As the enclosed report indicates, FRANK and ANTHONY SIROLA were shareholders of the Yugoslav-American Home in 1948 and pro-cominform in sympathy.

[redacted] advised on [redacted]

FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods  
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

The NYO Indices contain other references to FRANK and ANTHONY SIROLA indicating their association with the Yugoslav American Home [redacted]

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In view of this fact, no attempt will be made to interview either FRANK or ANTHONY SIROLA at this time.

No attempt will be made to interview IRVING SHAPIRO, Secretary-Treasurer of the Aloris Tool Company, as he is an inactive stockholder and has no apparent interest in the company.

This case is being considered closed by the New York Office until such time as information comes into the file that would justify further investigation being conducted.



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TITLE EDWARD LEPOWSKY			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, states subject contributed \$1.00 to the NY Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. T-2 who has furnished reliable information in the past states that the Aloris Tool Company is owned by FRANK SIROLA, President, ANTHONY SIROLA, Vice-president and IRVING SHAPIRO, Secretary-Treasurer. Informant states only active firm member is FRANK SIROLA. T-3 who has furnished reliable information in the past advised FRANK and ANTHONY SIROLA were shareholders in the Yugoslav-American Home in 1948, and were pro-cominform in sympathy. T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] T-5 who has furnished reliable information in the past, related that [REDACTED]

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**DETAILS:** T-1 who has furnished reliable information in the past, related on January 10, 1955 that EDWARD LEPOWSKY of 143-11 Barclay Avenue, Flushing, New York, sent a contribution of \$1.00 to the New York Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 23 West 26th Street, New York 10, New York on January 4, 1955.

Concerning the New York Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, T-1 advised on March 8, 1954 that this organization was formed on February 27, 1944 to urge the repeal of the Walter - McCarran law and to promote public

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hearings on the Lehman-Celler Bill, to defend the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born (in proceeding before the SACB) and defend the foreign born against "arrest without a warrant, denial of bail, supervisory parole and harrassment" (relative to denaturalization and deportation proceedings.)

T-1 added that JOSEPH NAVARRA, a speaker at the founding conference, advised that the group would come to the aid of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born....It is an organization that will limit its activities in New York State, cooperating fully with the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born is an organization which has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-2, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on February 2, 1955, that the owners of the Aloris Tool Company of 131-37 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, New York, are FRANK SIROLA, President, ANTHONY SIROLA, Vice-President and IRVING SHAPIRO, Secretary-Treasurer. T-2 further advised that ANTHONY SIROLA and IRVING SHAPIRO were inactive partners in the firm and that FRANK SIROLA, President, was the actual head of the Aloris Tool Company, and the only active firm member.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 11, 1953 that FRANK and ANTHONY SIROLA were shareholders in the Yugoslav-American Home in 1948 and that they were pro-cominform in sympathy.

T-4, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, related that

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T-4 was unable to further identify [REDACTED]

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, said that [REDACTED]

T-5 related on January 18, 1950 that both FRANK and ANTHONY SIROLA were candidates for election for the control of the Yugoslav-American Home, 405 West 41st Street, New York City in January, 1950.

The Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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T-1 [redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D)	envelope from EDWARD LEPOWSKY with \$1.00 contribution to NY Committee for Protection of Foreign Born	1/10/55	SA MALCOM J. BARRETT and SE FRANCIS W. MILLER	100-115527- 15

used to document New York Committee for  
Protection of Foreign Born.

T-2 [redacted]	credit report of Alois Tool Company, 131-37 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, NY	2/2/55	SE LEROY C. DAVIS	instant report
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T-3 [redacted]	identification of FRANK and ANTHONY SIROLA as shareholders of Yugoslav-American Home, 405 W. 41st Street, NYC	6/11/53	SA JAMES M. ANDERSON	100-94768- 144 p.3
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T-4  
[redacted]

T-5  
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T-5(cont'd) FRANK and ANTHONY SIROLA candidates for election for control of Yugoslav- American Home, 405 W. 41st Street, NYC		1/18/50	SA EUGENE R. HARRELL	100-81741- 380 p.3

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York, 1/25/55.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-412134)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-11427)

DATE: SEP 7 1955

SUBJECT: EDWARD LEPOWSKY  
SM-C

Re SAC letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

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SEP 26 1955

## SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

Subject born Brooklyn, NY, 8/3/04.

[redacted] (reliable) advised on February 19, 1954, that he had been advised by a source which he believed to be reliable, that subject was a member of the CP while teaching at the Bronx High School of Science. [redacted] revealed that subject was employed at the Bronx High School of Science from 1941-1947.

Subject was believed to be a member of the CP while he was employed as a teacher at Flushing High School, in that he continually advocated the CP line as stated in the "Daily Worker". (Mr. RICHARD BERGERE, complainant, 143-28 41st Avenue, Flushing, LI, NY.)

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Source stated that subject had petitioned Governor DEWEY to pardon MORRIS V. SCHAPPEES. (Source is a high ranking official of the State of NY who made the information available to Albany office and was forwarded to NYO by letter dated 1/24/44.)

Subject was a member of the International Workers Order, Lodge #500 as of December, 1946. [redacted] (Reliable)

IWO has been designated by AG pursuant to Exec Order 10450.

Subject had been identified as a member and active in the NYC Teachers Union, Local 55 as of 1949. (Mr. RICHARD BERGERE, previously mentioned)

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Source related on 10/6/50, that subject contributed \$2.00 to the JAFRC. (Source Lt. T. F. CRANE, NYCPD Reliable)

The JAFRC designated by AG pursuant to Exec Order 10450.

The records of the Board of Elections, NYC, as reviewed by SE EDWARD C. UTZ on 6/29/54, reflect that subject registered in favor of ALP from 1941 through 1949.

Source related that subject traveled to Russia during the 1930's. Source was unable to supply any other information. (Source Mr. RICHARD BERGERE, previously mentioned)

#### RECOMMENDATION

Delete from SI.

There is no information available to the NYC justifying retention of the subject on the SI according to the criteria for retention outlined in SAC letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

#### DETCOM TABBING

1. Subject is not tabbed for Detcom.
2. The subject's SI card is not stamped "Detcom" in large red letters.
3. Subject is recommended for deletion from SI.